

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 to 7. (canceled)

Claim 8. (withdrawn-currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile which ~~has on a back face~~ comprises a nonskid backing material on a back face of said floor tile, wherein said nonskid backing material is obtained by solidifying a paste sol comprising a plasticizer and at least one polyvinyl chloride-based resin selected from the group consisting of a polyvinyl chloride, a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate and a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 9. (currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile ~~according to Claim [[8]]~~ which comprises a nonskid backing material on a back face of said floor tile, wherein [[the]] said nonskid backing material is obtained by mechanically foaming a paste sol further which comprises a plasticizer, at least one

polyvinyl chloride, a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate and a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate, and a foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type to obtain a foamed material, [[and a]] disposing the foamed material obtained by mechanically foaming on the back face of said floor tile and then solidifying the paste so as to be disposed on the back face of the tile foamed material to form said nonskid backing material.

Claim 10. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate which comprises about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit.

Claim 11. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate which comprises about 3 to 10% by mole of vinyl acetate as a monomer unit.

Claim 12. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 8, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 13. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a mixture of polyvinyl chloride and polyvinyl acetate comprising about 1.5 to 5% by weight of polyvinyl acetate.

Claim 14. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 15. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 10, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 16. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 11, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic

acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 17. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 12, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 18. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 13, wherein the plasticizer is a phthalic acid-based plasticizer.

Claim 19. (withdrawn) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 15, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 20. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 16, wherein a content of the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is about 50 to 200 parts by weight per 100 parts by weight of the polyvinyl chloride-based resin.

Claim 21. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the phthalic acid-based plasticizer is selected from the group consisting of di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate and diisononyl phthalate.

Claim 22. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 20, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 23. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 21, wherein the foam stabilizer of a hydrophobic type comprises a silicone-based surfactant.

Claim 24. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 25. (currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim ~~[[13]]~~ 23, wherein the foamed material has an expansion rate of about 1.5 to 4.

Claim 26. (previously presented) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 24, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.

Claim 27. (withdrawn-currently amended) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim ~~[[18]]~~ 25, wherein the foamed material is disposed in a manner such that said foamed material forms stripes on the back face of said tile.

Claim 28. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 27, wherein the stripes have a height of 0.3 to 0.5 mm; the stripes have a width of about 2 mm; and a distance between the stripes is about 3 mm.

Claim 29. (new) A loose-lay floor tile according to Claim 9, wherein the polyvinyl chloride-based resin is a copolymer of vinyl chloride and vinyl acetate.